

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Thanh T Vu, dated 29 March 2004.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 and 8-9 and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Dynamic HTML In Action, by William J. Pardi and Eric M. Schurman (hereafter, Pardi).

The Examiner refers to Chapter 4 of Pardi for its teaching of a navigation frame and to Chapter 13 for expanding and collapsing a header.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8-9 to recite the

specific programming techniques used to implement dynamic client-side menus by structuring division tags to include header indicia and null indicia, in the case of headers, and item distinctive indicia in the case of items. This division tag structure is described by Applicants in their specification at page 67, line 9 to page 76, with particular reference to lines 108, 112 of Table 6, where the div ID=D0000 name for a header tag includes D00 as the header indicia and 00 as the null indicia, and div ID=D0001 for an item tag includes the header indicia D00 for its header and 01 as the item distinctive indicia. Similarly, each header and item are characterized by a div ID= tag of the structure now claimed. These tags are used by the code of lines 1-92 to implement dynamic client-side menus.

This specific structure of division tags is not taught by Pardi in the context of implementing dynamic client-side menus.

Claims 2-5, 7, and 10-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pardi in view of Rice (U.S. Patent 6,486,891).

Applicants have amended claims 2-3 and 7, and claims 4-

5 and 10-11 depend from claims which have been amended as previously discussed with respect to Pardi to recite the specific structure of division tags provided by applicant's invention to achieve dynamic client-side menus. Rice does not teach this structure of division tags.

Applicant requests that claims 1-5 and 7-11 be allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-5 and 7-11.

The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive

assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707.02(j) and 707.03 in order that allowable claims can be presented, thereby placing the Application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

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